

# PRESS RELEASE:

Subject: Group Sues More Federal Agencies Over  
UFO Documents; Pressure on CIA Continues.

A Washington, D.C.-based public-interest group has filed a set of lawsuits against three Federal agencies to obtain government documentation on the subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). The Freedom of Information Act suits were filed on June 24, 1980, in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS). The group alleges that the National Security Agency (NSA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have failed to comply with the provisions of the Act that would allow public access to unreleased UFO data. The action is being brought by New York City attorney Peter A. Gersten, whose earlier litigation against the CIA for UFO records prompted national attention.

The suit against the National Security Agency is expected to result in major disclosures about the effect UFOs have on national security. Gersten's action seeks to enjoin the defendant from withholding its UFO-related records — including the 18 UFO documents that were referred to the Agency by the CIA in the course of the CIA suit. It is the contention of NSA that the documents are being withheld for reasons of national security, despite the government's public position that UFOs constitute no threat to the nation's security.

In the case against the Defense Intelligence Agency, Gersten asserts that the Agency's alleged records-search was inadequate. On prior occasions, the Agency denied possessing any UFO-related documents, only to be embarrassed when the CIA, in its own search, surfaced DIA-originated UFO documents.

In the FAA suit, the group complains that the Administration (1) conducted an inadequate search for its UFO documents and (2) levied unreasonable search fees for the few UFO documents it did locate.

In other action, Gersten's 2-year-old suit against the Central Intelligence Agency has seen a number of developments. Though the litigation did succeed in producing close to 1,000 pages of UFO-related documents attesting to the Agency's 30-year involvement in the controversy, the judge granted the defendant's motion for summary judgment on May 30, 1980. This came despite the fact that the Agency admits to withholding 57 UFO documents. Moreover, those documents already released suggest that the Agency failed to disclose the existence of at least 200 more UFO documents. As a result, the plaintiff filed a notice of appeal on June 24, 1980.

For interviews or copies of the legal papers filed please call: Peter A. Gersten, Esq. at (212) 992-9600.

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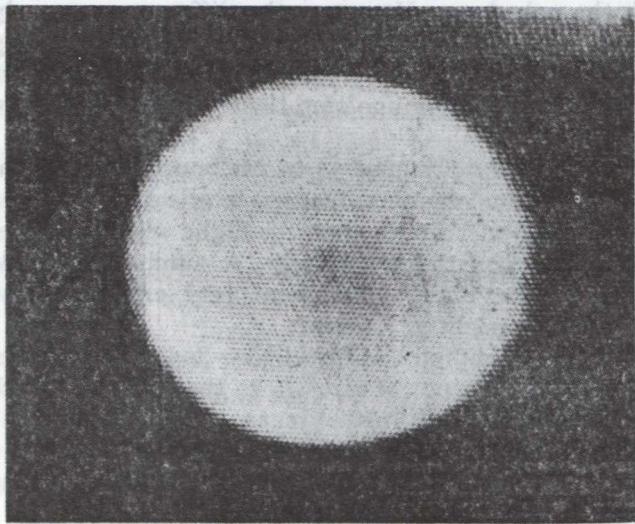
## DIVERSE PHENOMENA IN N.Z.

### THE KAIKOURA CONTROVERSY

By Kevin R. Berry

Kaikoura is a town in the South Island of New Zealand, about 100 miles north of Christchurch. During the months of December 1978 and January 1979, this town and the area around it were buzzing with UFO reports, some now known world-wide.

However, these were not the first reports that the area has had. The unidentified flying objects have been there for about three years, the residents say, and perhaps the Kaikoura and Clarence area could be considered as a UFO entry window. (Clarence is about 40 miles north of Kaikoura).



*UFO picture filmed by TV crew  
on January 3, 1979*

#### EARLIER SIGHTINGS

During 1978, two people travelling through the Hundalee Hills by car to Kaikoura saw the now famous object hovering over the hills. They were so busy watching it that their car almost ran off the road.

One of Clarence's 200 residents described what he saw in December 1978. He first thought the object was a stationary satellite, but realized that it wasn't. The

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*December 20, 1979 - Napier's Marine Parade.* At around 10:15 p.m. an unidentified couple sat looking out over the bay when a moving light caught their attention. It began falling downwards erratically and suddenly winked out. Then, at a point just below where the light had gone out, a silvery-orange, ball-shaped object appeared out of nowhere. It made a half-circle to the east, straightened and shot off at high speed to the south across the bay.

In the same place that the first object had appeared, another object appeared, turned a semi-circle and shot after the first object at twice the original speed. When the second object caught up to the first, both rushed away and disappeared to the south.

The witnesses thought that the lights were self-illuminated and not reflecting any natural or man-made light source, and thought that they were objects rather than simple lights as their actions were "too well disciplined." No sound was heard.

*April 27, 1980 - Auckland.* Four boys - Nigel McGuire (13), Kim Barry (13), Phillip Barry (15) and a 13-year-old who declined to be named - were on a fishing expedition on the McGuire's 200 acre farm when they suddenly noticed a strange glowing object moving slowly across the sky.

The object was described as eye-shaped with brightly colored lights around it and travelling about 50 feet above the ground. No sound was heard. The object "looked as if it landed behind a big hill . . . this tremendous color came out," said one of the boys.

They watched it for about a minute, became frightened and started running. Mrs. Ella McGuire said that when the boys arrived at her home they were trembling and crying. She wrapped them in warm blankets and treated them for shock.

When the boys had calmed down, they drew independent sketches and Mrs. McGuire said each diagram showed exactly the same shaped object in the same position.

Inquiries with the New Zealand Air Force indicated there were no planes in the area at the time.

Within a week, at least two other mysterious sightings had been reported. Mrs. Grace Fry reported a bright white light between 7 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. She said she watched a large circular light that didn't move for ten minutes before it started to fade and eventually disappeared.

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## DIVERSE

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Mr. Noel Bilkey reported seeing a bright white light while flying from Bay of Islands to Auckland about 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. The passenger beside him noticed it first but the pilot, Capt. John Nielsen, could not recall seeing a light.

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## KAIKOURA

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UFO had three lights - red, orange, and green. Looking at it through binoculars only made the lights look bigger and did not reveal any additional details.

Another man in the same area described the object he saw the same month as having a red light on one side and a green light on the other.

Farmer Bruce Appleby believes that the object is responsible for the disappearance of scores of his sheep. (My personal opinion is that his belief is without foundation. The objects sighted there have always been at a distance, and apparently have never taken anyone else's animals.)

## THE FIRST ARGOSY SIGHTING

On Thursday morning, December 21, 1978, an Argosy aircraft left Blenheim bound for Christchurch, piloted by Captain John Randle. At 1:20 a.m. he radioed Wellington to report "several white lights", unusually bright, over the sea off the Kaikoura coast. Wellington already had them on radar, and said that they were travelling about 2000 km/h (1250 mph). Captain Randle had another sighting at 4:06 a.m. when flying back to Auckland.

While the control tower was watching Randle's UFOs on the radar, they received another radio call. Captain Vernon Powell, the pilot of another Argosy,

also Christchurch-bound, radioed at 3:28 a.m. to say that "something is coming towards us at a tremendous speed on our radar." It was leaving a trail on the radar screen, and travelled 24 km (15 miles) in 5 seconds before veering off. If Powell's estimate of the speed was accurate, the object would have been going over 10,000 mph.

The object vanished off the radar screen, but appeared again 37 km east of the aircraft, as a flashing white light. It paced the plane for 20 km, tracked by Wellington radar. During that time it changed color.

## THE CROCKETT FILM

In the early morning hours of December 31, 1978, an Australian film crew aboard another Argosy looking for UFOs filmed objects around their aircraft. The UFOs were also tracked on radar at Wellington and Christchurch. The film, taken with a telescopic lens by David Crockett, shows a main object, colored bright orange on top, rich red on the bottom, about 100 ft. in diameter. This was filmed on the return journey. When the film was analyzed in Australia, it was discovered that this object had a translucent dome. It had also done a giant loop in 1/20 of a second, undetected by the human observers. A smaller, white, shuttle-shaped object was also filmed, on the first journey, as well as four smaller dots beside the main object on the second.

The Captain of the Argosy, Bill Startup, and the first officer, Bob Guard, said the object on film appeared a little different than what they had observed with the naked eye. However, the differences are only minor. Bob Guard describes them as "a slightly different shape and color from what I saw. To my eyes it had a far more orange tint than (what) we saw on television."

Unfortunately, Channel O in Melbourne, Australia, edited the film out of sequence, interjecting shots of the small object seen on the first flight with the larger object filmed on the return trip. A number of people (including the flight crew) were very critical of the editing (quite rightly, I think).

The film prompted the Royal New Zealand Air Force to send an Orion patrol aircraft to the skies to search for unidentified flying objects in the Kaikoura/Clarence area. It searched the area from midnight to 5 a.m. on January 2/3, 1979, without seeing anything unusual.

Guido Valentich, the father of the pilot who vanished over Bass Strait in October 1978, believes his son was "picked up" by a UFO. He said that the film gave him hope for his son.

## THE TELEVISION ONE FILM

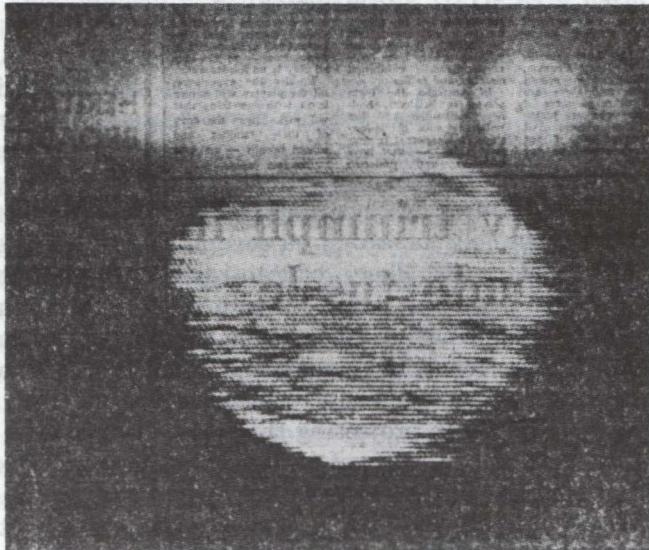
Three Television One reporters, Lloyd McFadden, Terry Olsen, and Frank Kazuakoukas, (the filer), were sent to the Clarence area to keep watch for the well-known object, during the night of January 3, 1979, the same night that the Air Force Orion was overhead.

At 3:15 a.m. on January 3, the men saw a light

rising over the tree-tops. It "hovered up to the left, then darted to the right again." They filmed all this with a telescopic lens, and estimated that the object, which was yellowish-chalky, was at an altitude of 10,000 ft. It had a reddish tinge when it first appeared, but this vanished when it stopped moving about. "It seemed to rotate on its axis and give off a pulsating glow," they said. The object had a clearly defined central core "which seemed to radiate out and form various patterns." These had looked like a star at first then like a folded umbrella. They also said that the object was about twice the size of the morning star. (Editor's Note: Dr. Bruce Maccabee has established that this object was the planet Venus rising, which fact has been previously published in the *Bulletin*.)

At 4:20 a.m. a second object, yellowish in colour, appeared in the sky. "There was a sudden intensity of light at first, then it scudded off across the sky," they said.

When the sun rose both objects were still visible, and they continued filming. The second object eventually faded out, but the first seemed to rise, and was finally lost from sight.



*Object filmed by David Crockett  
on December 31, 1978*

#### OTHER SIGHTINGS

There were many other sightings in the area, in other parts of the country, and all over the world. This was a "mini-wave." But the question of whether there were more UFOs about, or more sightings reported, or whether the increase was just an increase of reports published, remains unanswered. Here are some of the reports:

Three UFOs flew over Clarence on the morning of December 23, 1978.

The day before, several people in Wellington reported seeing UFOs.

A bright, spherical light was seen by people in Holland at 5 a.m. on the morning of December 27.

Another bright, spherical light was seen by Lord Gainford at a London New Year's Eve Party.

Back in New Zealand, a reporter for the "Press" in Christchurch photographed a green light over his back yard in early January.

In Oamaru, just two minutes after the TV One reporters began filming a UFO at Clarence, 320 miles north of Oamaru, police saw a light which appeared five times during the night.

Westport residents saw an egg-shaped light at midnight on the night of January 4/5.

On January 11, eelers in Hamilton saw a UFO which produced interference on their radio and frightened some nearby cattle.

In late January, New Zealand's Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition saw an object pacing the plane they were in as it passed over Kaikoura at 9 p.m. one night. It was tracked on Wellington radar and the plane's radar.

In Kaikoura, on January 6, three witnesses saw a vertical cigar-shaped object.

Nelson, New Plymouth, Invercargill, Auckland, Ashburton, Christchurch, Tauranga, and Karamea were among the other towns and cities in New Zealand which had reports of UFOs in the first three days of the New Year.

Australia also had its share of flying saucers. On January 3, for example, a woman and her son in Queensland were chased by a banana-shaped light.

Other countries reporting UFOs and even encounters of the third kind that week were England, Italy, Israel, USA, and South Africa. Reports could be found in the newspapers almost every day.

#### THE EXPLANATIONS

As is usual after important UFO sightings, the "experts" move in and explain the sighting away ten or twenty times.

The MOD, among many others, said the films were of Venus. However, in the case of the Crockett film, Venus was not even in the sky when the observers started filming. The TV One reporters said they could see Venus as well as the object they were filming.

Other Planets blamed were Mercury, Mars, and Jupiter, but I doubt that these were the culprits, as they do not look like the objects on film when seen with a telescope.

Balloons, Japanese squid boat lights, and car lights reflecting off clouds were also blamed, but I for one have never seen a car, balloon, or squid boat chasing a plane at 10,000 mph as was reported by Captain Powell, or doing a giant loop in 1/20 of a second, as filmed by David Crockett.

Saucer-shaped clouds, warm dry air, light-reflecting sea-foam rising upwards, and ball-lightning were other

explanations, but as these phenomena can not last the duration of the sightings, I believe that they could not have been the cause of the UFOs.

Owls covered by luminous fungi, and mutton birds reflecting the squid boat lights. Well, well, well. So now mutton birds and owls travel at 10,000 mph. I think not.

Secret Russian or US missile! Why would Russia or the United States send their missiles to New Zealand to test-fly them, when they could use empty oceans or barren deserts in their own areas, where no-one would see them?

Were the films hoaxes? Again I think not, for the reliability of the witnesses is unquestionable. Pilots and TV crews would have a lot to lose (i.e. their jobs, probably) if they went about faking UFO films.

Meteors! Ah! This time too fast! Meteors move a lot quicker than any of the UFOs did, (even faster than the UFO that went 10,000mph, lasting five seconds), and only last for a fraction of a second. The UFOs were about for four hours.

A mark on the window. This does not explain the TV One film, or the other minor sightings. And in the case of the Argosy sightings, could this mark on the window be radar-tracked?

The pilot's left ear! Surely a cameraman can identify an ear and not mistake it for a UFO! But for anyone who can't, the left lughole is usually attached to the side of the head and not wandering about on its own, and therefore not likely to be filmed that way.

And lastly, another of the more humorous explanations: an illuminated cabbage patch reflecting lights onto clouds. Apparently the cabbages were moving at the speed of the plane, or is this explanation also invalid?

Now that I have recorded the facts and given my personal opinions on the some-what ridiculous explanations, I close the article with the statement that I believe these objects were unidentified.

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## MORE ON MUTILATIONS

*April 15-18, 1980 - Santa Fe, New Mexico.* Special Investigator Ken Rommel, a former FBI agent, said after nearly a year of investigation that "Mother Nature" is the primary culprit in cattle mutilations which have been mystifying Western states residents since 1975. "Predation, scavenger activity and normal decomposition" are the perpetrators of what many believe is criminal activity, said Rommel.

Rommel investigated approximately 25 cow carcasses reported as suspected mutilations in New Mexico since he took the job last May. All these animals' deaths can be explained by natural causes, he said, and critics don't dispute that point.

Rommel's mutilations were not mutilations at all, those who have studied the phenomena in this area

since 1975 insist. "He hasn't seen a classic mutilation," said State Police officer Gabe Valdez of Dulce.

Critics also said Rommel did not bother to talk to the ranchers and the investigators who know the most about what mutilations involve. Game Warden Bob Johnston, who claims to have seen "maybe 45" real mutilations, said he would welcome a serious investigation into the phenomena, and would be glad to talk to Rommel about his observations.

State Historian Myra Ellen Jenkins said her research has revealed no record of reported cattle mutilations in New Mexico prior to those reported in recent years. She said she found no record in historic documents or folklore of the type of selective mutilation reported in many cases.

U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt said continued investigation of cattle mutilations in New Mexico and other Western states will be requested. Conclusions reached by Rommel do not satisfy some persons who have been awaiting results of the probe, including himself, Schmitt said.

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## ANATOMY OF A UFO WINDOW

(conclusion)

By P. Wayne Laporte

Although no one knows what causes the lights, it's believed by many that seismic movements of the earth induce stress in crystalline rock. These stresses through the piezoelectric effect (setting up of an electrical potential in crystalline rock) generate electric fields — possibly as strong as several volts per meter. These fields very likely concentrate into the most susceptible localized areas — mainly fault lines and outcroppings. Theoretically, such fields with certain atmospheric conditions present, could conceivably create low level ionization of air molecules adjacent to the electric column projecting through the ground.

Interestingly, a plot of several well known spook light locations on geological fault maps revealed that most occur on or near faults. The Brown Mtn. Lights, Brown Mtn., N.C. — the Maco Light, Wilmington, N.C. — Summerville Lights, Summerville, S.C. — the Silver Cliff Light, Westcliff, Colorado — the Gonzales Light, Gonzales, Louisiana — the Marfa Lights, Marfa, Texas — the Sand Springs Light, Sand Springs, Oklahoma — the Hookerman Light, Indian Point, New Jersey manifest in fault areas. The evidence seemingly points toward UFOs being some type of natural phenomenon. And, that's exactly what two Canadian scientists have concluded.

Dr. Michael A. Persinger, a psychologist and research scientist at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, along with his research assistant, Gyslaine F. Lafreniere studied 1,242 reports of UFOs and 4,818 cases of other anomalies such as bigfoot encounters, sea serpent sightings, rock falls, animal falls, unusual

cloud formations, flashes of light, and other unusual happenings. The two researchers found a positive correlation of anomalous events with geological faults and solar flare activity. They theorize that both solar flare and seismic movements can generate localized energy fields which under certain conditions create plasmoids and also interfere with the normal functioning of the human brain.

The two believe these fields can also cause the electromagnetic and physical side affects often experienced by UFO close encounter victims. For example, they relate how these wandering transient fields could overpower the weaker fields associated with CBs, TVs, radios, car lights, and motors causing the disruption of such devices. And, close approach of these fields to humans could result in various physiological impairments such as skin burns, reddened eyes, vomiting, sleep disturbances, fatigue, nausea, menstrual disruptions, and even unconsciousness. Since plasmoids can be detected by radar, many radar-visual cases may be nothing more than trackings of quake lights. The brightness and duration of the NL encounter would be dependent on the intensity and longevity of the seismic induced electric field. In fact, some NLs might keep appearing and disappearing in the same area as seismic forces wax and wane.

One problem in explaining away UFOs as a natural phenomenon is the sighting of craft-like UFOs. The two researchers, however, believe that witnesses coming into contact with these seismic fields could easily hallucinate sightings of physical UFOs, occupants, creatures, and out-of-place animals. They point out in their book *Space-Time Transients and Unusual Events* (Nelson-Hall, c1977) that stimulation of the brain by electric currents have caused many physiological effects including hallucinations. Furthermore, the two also point out that seismic induced fields can be intense and last a long time. They relate how radio transmission in the area of Hilo, Hawaii was lost for one hour prior to the large quake that struck there on April 26th, 1973. Apparently, a large and long-lasting seismic energy field temporarily disrupted the local ionosphere.

There are, however, some flaws in Persinger and Lafreniere's theory. One, the presence of a plasmoid implies the existence of an electrical column projecting up through the ground to sustain the ionization of air molecules adjacent to the column. Yet, in many NL cases - particularly in Indian Trail - the NLs have passed over houses, cars, and planes with no electromagnetic effects. So, it appears the plasmoids are self-sustaining, free-floating, and not dependent on electric columns. Yet, several NLs in Indian Trail have been seen to approach the fault, change direction and fly away - both with and against the wind!

Second, some fault line NLs have emitted light from only one side. For instance, on November 20th, 1977 at 10:21 pm, researchers with Vestigia, Inc. of New Jersey succeeded in filming, observing, and recording the presence of the Hookerman Ghost Light in Indian

Point, New Jersey. The site is only a mile from the Ramapo Border Fault and the light generally appears during local seismic activity. However, an oddity was observed. Only observers on one side of the light could see it. This one-sided emission of light is a characteristic shared by some large nocturnal lights.

The Summer 1978 Bulletin of the Texas-based Project Stigmata organization tells of an unusual UFO encounter which occurred in '75 around Nara Nara in northeastern New Mexico, a seismic active area. At the time, livestock mutilations were occurring and residents were reporting unmarked helicopters and roaming nocturnal lights. One night, several NLs were being observed. As planned, four ranchers took to the air in a small aircraft. All had cameras with infrared film. Ground observers who could see both the plane and NLs coordinated the intercept. For two hours the craft circled looking for the NLs below them. Strangely, none in the plane could see the lights. According to conventional physics, ionized balls of air should emit light in all directions!

Third, multi-witness sightings where all see essentially the same type of spaceship seem to refute the hallucination component of Persinger and Lafreniere's theory. This is especially so when landing traces tie in with what was observed. A case in point is the 1975 O'Barski case that happened in New Bergen, New Jersey.

New Bergen is located on an unnamed fault which starts one mile north of the East River Fault in downtown New York. The fault is active. A tremor, which broke windows, jarred the area on April 13th, 1976. It was here that 72-year old George O'Barski in January, '75, at about 2 am, observed a metallic craft with evenly spaced and lighted windows. It came to a hover 10 feet off the ground some 60 feet away. A ladder was extended and down scampered several dwarf-like humanoids. Using shovels, they quickly scooped up soil samples into bags they were carrying. After securing sufficient samples, they dashed up the ladder. Then, the ladder was retracted and the craft ascended skyward, vanishing in about 20 seconds. Two other witnesses further away also witnessed the "blast-off". And, a window at a nearby apartment building mysteriously shattered as the spaceship was accelerating. But, what really convinced O'Barski that he wasn't hallucinating were the holes in the ground exactly where the humanoids had been digging.

One, energy fields are somehow causing materializations to spontaneously appear. Theoretically, matter can be created from energy ( $mc^2 = E$ ). However, this same law of physics says A LOT of energy is required to form a SMALL amount of matter. And, it's hard to visualize a mechanical device or bioform being spontaneously created.

Two, extraterrestrial spaceships are using both natural and man-made electromagnetic power sources to "boost up" their engines in order to zoom away into space or teleport (ala Star Trek) to another star system. However, this theory fails to explain why

UFOs suddenly appear in high energy fields.

Three, UFOs are materializations of craft and entities from another dimension which co-exists with us. These beings possibly translate from this other world into ours at areas of high energy at either quartz deposits or where there are man-made energy generators. This absorption of energy results in their existence in our space-time continuum. To translate back, they must de-materialize which results in the "giving-up" of the previously absorbed energy. For some reason, this energy must be released in the presence of another energy field - again, either naturally occurring or man-made. Those practicing the ancient art of conjuring agree that there must be a raising of the human psychic (mental) energy both during the summoning and dispatching of the dimensional entity. Of course, everyone knows conjuration is nonsense.

An interesting sighting which suggests that some UFOs release energy prior to vanishing is the sighting of an object in September '78 that flew around WBT's broadcasting tower located on Spencer Mtn. in Lowell, N.C. Several people on the 14th saw a black spheroid with an orbiting white light hover over a housing development. After lingering for about 40 minutes, the craft moved away traveling over powerlines to the base of the mountain. Then, it ascended and circled the tower several times as it climbed upward. After clearing the tower, it shot up into a cloud and vanished.

WBT personnel on the mountain said that no one that afternoon reported seeing a UFO. However, they did tell me the logs showed equipment damage at 3:30 pm due to a lightning strike. Interestingly, 3:30 pm is the time the UFO was seen circling the tower, and there weren't any thunderstorms in progress during the sighting. In fact, weather bureau records indicated clear weather with scattered clouds all day long.

These three possibilities are speculative ones. I am, however, quite certain that some UFOs are appearing and disappearing in both natural and man-made electromagnetic energy fields. Maybe further research will give us the final clue as to the "why" of this bizarre fact.

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## "CREATURE" IN NEW YORK

*September, 1978 - Lewiston.* Peter Filicetti, a part-time officer in Lewiston, has been investigating sightings of a strange creature in the area for almost four years. He first came in contact with the creature in September, 1976, when he saw movement and heard a grunting noise in a cornfield behind his parents' house. By the time he got there, whatever had made the noise had gone leaving only mashed down stalks and three-toed tracks.

In September, 1978, two hunters, Kevin Mooradian

and David Holt, brought Filicetti what they said was a head and two feet taken from a carcass they had found. Filicetti took some pictures of the head and let the hunters keep it, and the head has since disappeared.

The photos show a head shaped roughly like a cross between a bear's and a gorilla's. The head has two large tusks extending approximately 4 inches below the lower lip. Filicetti said when examining the head he had yanked on the tusks and looked inside the mouth to check for their authenticity. The tusks didn't budge.

The photographs, along with samples of hair and skin, were recently turned over to the Buffalo Museum of Science. Arthur Clark and James Dorr, of the museum, believe that the creature is a bear. However, Jon Erik Beckjord of Project Bigfoot disagrees. He believes the upper canine teeth were too long, the feet were "humanoid", and there were no signs of ears in the photographs. Besides, he says, bear do not occur in Niagara County.

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## PRESS REPORTS

*By Joe & Doris Graziano*

**ALABAMA - February 17, 1980 - Maxwell AFB.**

Security Sgt. James Hall and three other persons reported watching an unidentified object from 11:40 p.m. Sunday until 1:45 a.m. Monday. The object was described as a large, bright light with flashes of red and blue. It moved erratically in the sky north of the base and there were no sounds heard by the witnesses.

John Bolender got on duty manning the radar screen at midnight and began getting calls from people who said they had spotted the light. Between 2 and 2:30 a.m. he observed a target about 2 miles west of Maxwell. It moved northwest toward the Prattville Airport and Bolender lost contact about a mile south of the airport. Nobody was at the Prattville Airport at the time to confirm a sighting.

**KENTUCKY - February 12, 1980 - Jackson.** Five employees of the Citizens Bank, Shirley Chandler, Margie Clemons, Paul Weaver, Ray Etta Pitts and Beth Ann Charles, were driving along state highway 205 when they spotted two unusual lights. They first thought it was a truck or a car, but then red, green and blue lights also came on.

The object moved from a hillside on their right, accelerated to a high speed, passed over the highway in front of the car and then suddenly disappeared. The object was described as oval-shaped with white, red, blue and green lights. The lights remained steady, did not blink or flicker, and the object made no noise or sound of any kind. After the object disappeared, Paul Weaver looked at his watch and it was 9:43 p.m.

**MICHIGAN - March 12, 1980 - Gladstone.** Patrolmen Dave Marlin and Mark Hager were dispatched at 12:55 a.m. to investigate a UFO call from an unidenti-

fied woman. When they arrived to check out the report on North 15th St., they saw a bright light with a green light on the rear and red lights on the sides.

They said the object was very large, very high, went up and down, did zig-zags and made no noise when it "hovered" over them. They also said the object was round like a saucer and was definitely not shaped like an airplane. Marlin said he could see a "metal substance on its sides between the red lights, and the white light on the front was very bright with no beam coming out." He estimated the size as three times that of a normal star. The two officers pursued the object as it moved and had it under observation until nearly 2 a.m.

Delta County Sheriff's Department deputies Max Steichert and Dave Huckstep were also sent to check the sighting and observed the object for approximately 8 minutes and followed it for another 30 minutes before it disappeared in a westerly direction. Sawyer AFB reported no airplanes in that sector and didn't expect any until 6 a.m. the following morning.

**NEW JERSEY - March 13, 1980 - Trenton.** An unidentified woman spotted a bright, glimmering, oval object near her home at 12:25 a.m. She left her car and went into the house to tell her mother. Five minutes later, a loud "whirring" sounded and the two ran outside to see the object emerge from behind their house.

The object was described as a green glow with a large, white light in the center and a couple of red lights around the edges. It moved in an odd manner, twisting, turning and bouncing, until it went out of sight.

**March 14, 1980 - Wall Township.** Patrolman Louis Wisniewski said four persons called between 8 and 8:30 p.m. to report a bright light hovering up and down near Monmouth Airport. Thirty minutes later, another caller placed the UFO in the vicinity of a Racquet Club on Rte. 38.

A Wall Township resident reported that he sighted a UFO with binoculars at 8:30 p.m. He described the object as a "large circular disc, 50 to 80 feet in diameter, and having a whitish-blue light in its center." He added that "a light on top of it would come on for a minute, go off, then come on again."

**OREGON - February 7, 1980 - Redmond.** Don Winters was walking his dog at about 9:30 p.m. when he spotted an unusual object above them. He said the object looked like a big wheel that was spinning around. It had a multi-colored stripe down the center that wiggled back and forth.

Winters returned to the house and told his wife, Edith, and the couple watched the object from a window for about 15 minutes. The object drifted west toward the Three Sisters mountains. Even the dog watched the object according to Winters.

A North Redmond woman later reported that she spotted an object about 8:20 p.m. the same evening. She said the bottom part of the bright light was pinkish-red and the upper part was yellow, but that it appeared the whole thing was blue at times. She called

her children to watch it and when she looked up again it was gone.

**UTAH - February 10, 1980 - Hyde Park.** At least ten persons saw an unusual object which appeared twice, once around 7 p.m. and again between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. Jerry and Dallas Allen were milking cows at their family's dairy farm when they spotted a large, orange illuminated form in the southern sky. They watched it head south and saw a shaft of light drop to the ground that looked like it had a ball-like shape on the end; then it disappeared.

Mrs. Gail Dalley and her husband watched an object for 10 to 15 minutes as it stopped for a few seconds, negotiated a square maneuver slowly, moved east and then west to its original position. Mrs. Dalley, who observed the object through binoculars, said it was about one third the diameter of the moon and the color of hot, molten lava on the bottom. She could see a dark, rounded form on the top which was separated from the glowing underside by a narrow, orange band that looked similar to an electric stove element on high. "The intensity of its color seemed to pulsate three times before it finally disappeared," she added.

Kim and Tami Lamb and their father, Marlo, spotted a big orange "thing" in the sky. Mr. Lamb estimated its size as  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  the size of the moon and orange in color with the illusion of burning like a fire. The trio went to the home of Dennis Ray where he and his wife observed the object momentarily. None of the observers of the UFO reported hearing any sound.

Dr. Frank Salisbury of Utah State University, who has been involved in UFO study for several years, met with the witnesses and interviewed them individually. He concluded that the object was probably an amateur hot-air gas bag, but added that until physical evidence of a UFO is found or someone admits to sending up a hot-air gas bag, a definite conclusion could not be reached.

**VIRGINIA - January 16-23, 1980 - Loudoun.** Unidentified flying objects have been sighted by several Loudoun residents during the past few days and authorities can offer no explanation for the phenomena.

On Wednesday, January 16, at 7:15 p.m., Cecelia Wall of Sugarland Run reported a bright light hovering about 200 feet from the ground. She said that the light was emanating from a "very large craft" with a cone-shaped protrusion beneath it. She added that the craft had no noise associated with it.

On Tuesday, January 22, Sandy Behrs of Sugarland Run saw a similar light hovering over Rte. 637 near her home. She described it as a big, bright spotlight and said it couldn't have been a helicopter because she heard no noise.

Pamela Franznick of Sugarland Run also saw a "very bright light" recently. She said the craft did not seem to be moving "because the light didn't get any bigger or smaller." But as she watched, the light veered off and eventually went out of sight. Franznick also said she heard no noise from the object but added

she may have been too far away to hear a noise if there was one.

Robert Logan, head of Dulles Airport control tower, said nothing unusual had been detected on their radar. The Virginia and Maryland State Police and the U.S. Park Police reported that they have not had a helicopter in the area during the past two weeks.

*January 21 & 23, 1980 - Tidewater.* Recently, reports of mysterious lighted objects have been coming into police stations from citizens, as well as from patrolmen.

On Monday, January 21, at 4:30 a.m., Sgt. G. A. Barrett and patrol officer H. J. Wright say they saw a brightly lighted, large, box-shaped object approximately 800 to 1200 feet from the ground. Two calls concerning the lights came into the station from private citizens.

Two Virginia Beach families reported seeing bright lights early in the morning on Wednesday, January 23. Gary Smith, public information officer for the Portsmouth police, said the department has some unconfirmed sightings within the past couple of weeks, including one from a policeman, one from a policeman's wife and a "few others reported by citizens."

The FAA as well as the Suffolk and Chesapeake Portsmouth airports say they haven't seen or heard anything out of the ordinary.

*WEST VIRGINIA - December 5, 1979 - Ansted.* A rash of UFO sightings in December and January appears to have originated with Mrs. Norma White, owner of a sandwich shop. Mrs. White said her children first spotted an object the night of December 5 in the northeastern sky. She looked and told them it was a star. She soon returned when the children started screaming that the "star" was moving.

She said it had moved almost directly above the shop. "You could see lights on it, mostly a white light. When the lights went off you could see it was Y-shaped with a bunch of red lights and a green glow. All of a sudden it started shooting off things. It shot off a total of 12 red objects, then it disappeared. They were zig-zagging back and forth across the sky. That's when I got scared and called the police."

Mrs. White said another bright object appeared to the west of Ansted later and shot off 6 more red objects. She added that there were 18 of them all together and they flew down like they were going into the woods. Her husband, Bob, said a white object later returned and seemed to pick up the red objects. He said he was trying to photograph the craft when it "shot straight up and disappeared."

Judi Carmichael said she saw a glowing object in the western sky that changed shape from round, to oblong, to round again. She said they saw it again a few nights later and it had little red lights shooting out of it.

Jay Debord, science teacher at Ansted Middle School, said he was at the sandwich shop one night and saw two yellow objects move around for about five minutes and then disappear.

City Police Chief Jim Hall said he has received 50 to 75 reports of unidentified craft. Chief Hall has never seen the objects, but says, "There's so many of them that's seen it, there must be something to it."

*SOUTH AFRICA - February 4, 1980 - Bedford & Kidd's Beach.* One evening during the first week of February at 7:30 p.m., Len Meier and Basil Green of Kidd's Beach watched an unusual object for about 30 seconds. It was described as low in the sky, bright and funnel-shaped, with blue and red sparks coming from the tail of the funnel. It did not fade away, but suddenly just vanished from sight.

On February 4 at 7:45 p.m. Mr. R. Barnes and his wife spotted an object which also emitted a number of sparks near Bedford.

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*March 10 & 19, 1980 - Fowlerville.* Joseph and Laurie White were returning to their apartment on the evening of March 10 when they noticed a bright white light following them eastward. According to Mrs. White, a plane was going up from the Livingston County Airport at the same time and there was no doubt in her mind that the white light was something altogether different.

The object reportedly followed the Whites, stopped when they stopped, and changed direction when they did. The object disappeared when they went up to their third floor apartment, then reappeared from a field across I-96 and drifted toward the apartment. Mrs. White said the object was huge, had banks of red and green lights, and glided over them without a noise.

When she ran downstairs to go outside, Mrs. White said as she was passing a chandelier in the hall the fixture shattered on its mounting. "It didn't fall; it just shattered," she said. Mrs. White's brother and his girl friend, her father, mother, boss and a co-worker also reported seeing the UFO.

Linda Hough was watching TV shortly after 10 p.m. on March 19 when she heard a loud sound outside. She looked out and saw a huge light in the sky skimming along just above the trees.

She first thought it was a plane, but saw three planes in the sky that were small in comparison. She described it as having a "whole bunch of lights, maybe some red ones, but the white lights were brighter." She also said the noise was louder than a jet and it "vibrated the air."

Linda watched the object for about 15 minutes until it was almost out of sight, headed west toward Lansing. She called nearby relatives and neighbors but they were either not at home or asleep and did not see the object.

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5 September 1980

Dear Mr. Lorenzen:

Enclosed is a list of the TV stations and dates for our program "In Search Of...UFO Coverups."

If you get a chance to mention our show in your newsletter, or even better, to print the schedule, that would be great publicity for us, and I'm sure your readers would all be interested in the show.

If not, I hope you get a chance to see the results of your initial consultation with Debbie Blum...one of the best shows we've ever done, I believe.

Thank you again for your help,

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WAST	ALBANY, NY	10/4	WGGB	SPRINGFIELD, MASS	9/28
WIXT	SYRACUSE, NY	10/19	WKBD	DETROIT, MICH	9/20
KNXT	LOS ANGELES	9/20	WEYI	FLINT, MICH	9/28
KOLD	TUCSON, ARIZ	10/5	WBAK	TERRE HAUTE, IND	9/7
KPIX	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	9/21	KOA	DENVER, COLORADO	10/11
KTVK	PHOENIX, ARIZ	10/4	WVEC	NORFOLK, VA	9/13
KCRA	SACRAMENTO, CA	9/13	WSET	ROANOKE, VA	9/28
KHQ	SPOKANE, WA	9/28	WEWS	CLEVELAND, OH	9/7
KFMB	SAN DIEGO, CA	9/20	WLWT	CINCINNATI, OH	10/25
KOB	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	10/4	WDRB	LOUISVILLE, KY	10/4
KIRQ	SEATTLE, WA	9/6	KMSP	MINNEAPOLIS, MINN	10/4
KAKE	WICHITA, KANSAS	9/20	WITI	MILWAUKEE, WIS	9/20
KPTV	PORTLAND, OR	9/14	WFRV	GREEN BAY, WIS	9/6
KJEO	FRESNO, CA	9/29	KSDK	ST. LOUIS, MO	9/13
WGN	CHICAGO, ILL	9/27	KOLN	LINCOLN, NEB	9/27
KWWL	WATERLOO, IOWA	10/11	KTHI	FARGO, ND	10/11
WHO	DES MOINES, IOWA	9/14	WXIA	ATLANTA, GA	9/20
WKBS	PHILADELPHIA, PENN	9/21	WZTV	NASHVILLE, TENN	10/4
WTAJ	ALTOONA, PENN	9/28	WBMG	BIRMINGHAM, AL	10/11
WHEC	ROCHESTER, NY	10/11	WISH	INDIANAPOLIS, IND	9/13
KDKA	PITTSBURGH, PENN	9/14	WSBT	SOUTH BEND, IND	9/28
WPEC	WEST PALM BEACH, FLA	9/28	WFFT	FT. WAYNE, IND	10/4
WESH	ORLANDO, FLA	10/4	KOKH	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	9/13
WBZ	BOSTON, MASS	9/20	KTVJ	JOPLIN, MO	9/27
WTLV	JACKSONVILLE, FLA	10/5	KOKI	TULSA, OK	10/11
WMAR	BALTIMORE, MD	9/7	WOLO	COLUMBIA, SA	9/14
WJHL	BRISTOL, TENN	9/21	WCTI	NEW BERN, NC	9/28
WPTF	DURHAM, NC	9/28	WCBS	NEW YORK, NY	9/18
WATR	HARTFORD, CT	9/16			

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